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NON-UTILISATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that sophisticated medical equipment worth several crores of rupees donated to Lady Harding & Medical Hospital, Delhi by a foreign company are gathering dust ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for effective utilization of these medical equipment ;

(d) whether there is huge shortage of staff in the above hospital; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) The equipments worth Rs.19.00 crores were donated by Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the year 1998-99 to Kalawati Saran Children`s Hospital, an Associated Hospital of Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. SK Hospital, New Delhi. Most of the equipments are all functional and are being utilized properly. However, some of the equipments eg. 3 ventilators, sterilizers, 2 vital sign monitors are at present not functioning because of lack of accessories and spare parts. This problem has arisen because of change of Japanese appointed agents for the JICA supplied equipment. The Kalawati Saran Children`s Hospital is in touch with JICA India Office and Mitsubishi corporation, the supplier of the equipment for the maintenance of the equipment.

(d) to (e) It is not correct to state that there is huge shortage of staff in this Institution. The Government has recently exempted the Technical posts under the Ministry from the applicability of Govt. order under which only 1/3 of Direct recruitment posts subject to 1% of total sanctioned strength in the Ministry could be filled.. Necessary steps have been taken to fill up the vacant technical posts as early as possible.